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To: County Departments of Community Program Directors
IMD Nursing Home Administrators

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Subject: INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES (IMD) UPDATE

The Department of Health and Social Services has declared eight nursing homes as IMDs, five were declared on July 1, 1988, and three are to be declared on October 1, 1988 (see attached list). The purpose of this memo is to provide information on IMD nursing home licensure, certification, client reporting, and reimbursement.

When a nursing home is declared an IMD, the Department cannot claim Medical Assistance funding for residents aged 21 through 64. However, the current state budget allows for the financing of 90% of the lost medical assistance reimbursement for eligible residents. The terms of reimbursement for Wisconsin IMD residents aged 21 through 64 are contained in an addendum to the state/county contract (see attachment). Under this contract the state funding goes to county departments of community programs responsible for residency, with the county department responsible for payment to the IMDs.

The process for licensing and certifying IMD nursing homes is the same as any other SNF/ICF nursing home. The Division of Health, Bureau of Quality Compliance (BQC) will complete a HSS 132 annual survey for licensure purposes, as well as a federal SNF/ICF survey if the facility retains Medicaid certification. Administrative rules (HSS 130) for the continued licensing of IMDs are in the early stages of development and will be the basis for future state surveys once they are promulgated.

The state/county contract addendum requires that the county department of community programs conduct a preadmission screening on any new admission to the nursing home IMD (see Section II, e, 6, state/county contract). This is the same requirement as the statutory requirement for nursing home admissions. In addition to the preadmission screening, the county department of community programs is also required to notify the Department of any admissions or discharges from the IMD (see Sections II, e, 4, and 5, state/county contract).

In order for the Department to monitor IMD patients' MA eligibility, the IMD nursing home should continue to submit the required Patient Plan of Care and Evaluation (PPOC) forms to BQC for all newly admitted or readmitted residents to the IMD. The PPOC form should be completed for all residents, regardless of age. However, for residents aged 21-64 (non-MA eligible), the birth date block on the PPOC form should be circled. The Department of Health and Social Services is requiring completion of the PPOC form for the 21-64 year old (non-MA eligible) residents in order to track these residents for the 90 percent state-only funding and to maintain a resident database for planning purposes. When MA-eligible residents turn 65 years of age, a PPOC form must be submitted to initiate MA funding. When an IMD resident is discharged or dies, a Notice of Termination form is to be sent to BQC. Submittal of the Patient Plan of Care termination forms to BQC fulfills the requirements of Section II, e, 2 of the state/county contract addendum.

The contract has a provision that the county will conduct or contract for an annual physical and mental evaluation to determine if the patient funded under the contract continues to warrant the skilled- or intermediate-level of care provided by the IMD (Section II, e, 1). The Bureau of Quality Compliance has agreed to continue to complete the inspection of care review of all the IMDs residents and establish an SNF/ICF and MI care levels for both MA and non-MA eligible (aged 21-64) residents. The care levels for the non-MA residents will also be recorded on the IOC form. Care levels for the non-MA residents are not eligible for appeal. The BQC review will satisfy the contract requirements at no cost to the county.

If you have questions, please contact Milt Stearns, Chief, Long Term Care Section, Bureau of Quality Compliance, Division of Health, at (608) 267-7157.

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Attachments

cc: -WI Assoc. of Homes and Services for the Aging
 -WI Assoc. of Nursing Homes
 -WI Counties Association
 -Board on Aging and Long Term Care